

I think the broadcast flag is a bad idea. It would come as yet another blow to consumers' fair use rights, preventing many legal uses of recorders. Like most of the current user restrictions it will destroy important rights for the casual user, while pirates will still find work-arounds. If necessary, pirates can always take the unencrypted signal from the TV, or record the movie or show on a video camera. Meanwhile people will be forced to set up tripods in front of their TVs just to watch a show that airs while they are at work. Is this how we want America to be, with corporations constantly passing laws to inconvenience and trample the rights of the broad majority of legitimate users?